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FOLLOWING REPEAT NEW DELHI 10896 ACTION SECSTATE DATED
JULY 17, 1978.

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TAGS: OVIP (BELL, ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIFFIN) OCON
SUBJECT: VISIT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIFFIN BELL

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL
GRIFFIN BELL.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE: DEAR MR. ATTORNEY GENERAL: I HAVE
LEARNED THROUGH THE NEW DELHI OFFICE OF THE FORD FOUNDATION
THAT YOU HAVE ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
SEMINAR ON THE MEDIA AND THE LAW WHICH WILL BE HELD HERE
ON AUGUST 24-27, 1978. FROM WHAT I KNOW OF THE MEDIA AND
THE LAW PROJECT AND OF THE INDIAN INTEREST AND
INVOLVEMENT IN THIS PARTICULAR SEMINAR, I AM SURE YOU WILL FIND
IT A REWARDING EXPERIENCE. I AM OF COURSE ALSO VERY PLEASED
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THAT YOU WILL HAVE THIS OPPORQNTY TO VISIT INDIA
AT A TIME OF REAL PROGRESS IN INDO-US RELATIONS.

3. WHILE I UNDERSTAND THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE SEMINAR IS
THE OBJECTIVE OF YOUR VISIT AND WILL KEEP YOU BUSY, I WANT
TO ASSURE YOU THAT I AND MY STAFF STAND READY TO ARRANGE
ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES YOU MAY WISH TO UNDERTAKE INCLUDING

CALLS ON OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT. I HAVE ALREADY
CONSULTED WITH THE SEMINAR ORGANIZERS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY
OF MY HOSTING A RECEPTION IN HONOR OF YOU AND THE OTHER
PARTICIPANTS. ADDITIONALLY, IF YOUR SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT
I WOULD BE PLEASED TO HOST A SMALL INFORMAL
LUNCHEON OR DINNER THAT WOULD BRING YOU TOGETHER WITH LEADERS
OF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT. WOULD YOU PERHAPS BE ABLE TO SPEND
AN EXTRA DAY OR TWO HERE EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE
SEMINAR? THIS WOULD EASE THE SCHEDULING OF OFFICIAL
APPOINTMENTS AND PERHAPS ALSO PERMIT TO TRIP TO AGRA, WHERE THE
TAJ MAHAL NEVER LETS ITS VIEWERS DOWN. IN ANY EVENT PLEASE
FEEL FREE TO CALL ON THIS EMBASSY FOR ANY
ASSISTANCE YOU MAY DESIRE.

4. IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEDIA AND
THE LAW SEMINARS TO BE HOUSED TOGETHER. THE FOUNDATION
PREFERS THIS BECAUSE IT FACILITATES INTERACTION AMONG
THEM. HOWEVER, MRS. GOHEEN AND I WOULD BE HONORED TO
HAVE YOU AND MRS. BELL (IF SHE IS ACCOMPANYING YOU) STAY WITH
US IN ROOSEVELT HOUSE IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO DO SO.

5. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU ABOUT YOUR PLANS
AND TO MEETING YOU HERE IN DELHI. RESPECTFULLY,
ROBERT F. GOHEEN. END MESSAGE.

6. FOR NEA/INS: I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RELAYING TO US
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WHATEVER YOU ARE ABLE TO LEARN OF THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL'S PLANS AND WISHES.
GOHEEN UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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